GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5502
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RELEASE OF INDIAN PRISONERS
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Indian prisoners were freed by Pakistan recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether they have narrated the tales of torture meted out to them in Pak jails;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a & b) As per available information, Pakistan, since January this year has released 8 civilian prisoners and 159 Indian fishermen held in its custody.

(c to e) Government have recently received some complaints in this regard. The matter has been taken up with the Government of Pakistan including through their High Commission in India.